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GERMAN FOODSTUFF LOAN.

FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. It is expected that the French reply to the German Note regarding a Foodstuff Loan, although opposing the *modus vivendi* proposed by Germany, will be couched in terms which will not bar further negotiations.

EARTHQUAKES ON ADRIATIC COAST.

NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. Repeated earthquakes occurred at Ancona, Pesaro and other places along the Adriatic Coast on Wednesday. No casualties have been reported.

BRITISH LABOUR GOVERNMENT.

OPPOSED BY LONDON CONSERVATIVES.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. The London City Conservative Association continues to oppose the formation of a Labour Cabinet. They claim that the handing over of the Government to inexperienced parties at this moment would conflict not only with the nation's wish but would prove detrimental as well, especially for England's trade.

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

REPORTED DEFEAT OF FEDERALS.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. Mexican Revolutionists report that a decisive success has been achieved by General Estrada against General Cardenas, who lost 2,000 prisoners, many guns and large quantities of ammunition.

THE U.S. IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

LABOUR SECRETARY ON THE DIFFICULTIES.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. The report of the United States Secretary of Labour to Congress on the immigration problem dwells on the difficulties created both by lack of hands in busy times and lack of employment in slack times. The Labour Secretary asks Congress to assume, until July 1st, responsibility for a definite number of immigrants admitted.

GERMAN BURGOMASTER'S DEATH.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. Chief Burgomaster Camburg died on Wednesday, at the age of 55 years.

NO BULGARIAN CONSCRIPTION.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. The Entente has declined Bulgaria's request to be allowed to re-introduce conscription.

THE "DIXMUDE" DISASTER.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. The benzine tank of the French airship Dixmude, to which several written notes were fastened, has been found near Bizerta.

SAXON COMMUNISTS DEFEATED.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 3. The Committee of the Saxon Diet has passed, against Socialist votes, the Communist motion to dissolve the Diet.

(Reuter's Service.)

SERIOUS FRENCH FLOODS.

A TOWN COMPLETELY INUNDATED.

Paris, January 4. The flood situation is still critical. Amazing scenes, reminiscent of war-time, are being enacted in Paris and the riverside suburbs. The Seine on Thursday was 21½ feet above normal. The floods burst the barriers at Alfortville and inundated the town. The population of 3,000 is evacuating the town. Work has been suspended at various factories and mills.

BERLIN METAL-WORKERS LOCKED OUT.

Berlin, January 3. A hundred Berlin metal factories have come to a standstill as the result of a lockout of 130,000 workers, who have refused to consent to a reduction of their wages.

TERRIBLE DEATH.

GIRL DRAWN INTO MACHINERY.

An eighteen-year-old girl, an operator at the Yausang Knitting Factory in Shanghai Street, met with a terrible death yesterday. Her long hair, which she wore in the form of a pig-tail, was caught between a revolving shaft and she was drawn in and crushed to death between the wheels. The remains were removed to the Mortuary.

U.S. MINISTER.

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

Mr. Jacob G. Schurman, United States Minister at Peking, on completion of his trip in French Indo-China, left Haiphong on the French gunboat La Moqueuse and arrived yesterday in Hongkong. The Minister was accompanied by his wife. Mr. Schurman was to have left last night for Canton on an American gunboat. It is understood that his visit has connection with the Canton Customs dispute.

NEWS FROM CANTON.

PROPOSED NEW CIVIL GOVERNOR.

It is reported from Canton that Dr. Sun intends to appoint General Hsu Sung-chi as Civil Governor, and that the order will be issued as soon as General Hsu returns from Shanghai.

The magistrate at Shun Tak has decided to have the city wall at Tai Lung pulled down. He has ordered that house-owners along the wall cede a certain area of their property in order that a new alignment may be made for the houses to be built on the foundations of the old wall. It is reported that a large sum has already been secured by the Government from the sale of land.

It is reported that the authorities intend imposing a new tax on blind singers, but it is not believed that the same secured will be very large.

A report from Sheki states that Chu Cheuk-man, the former magistrate of Heungshan, has secured the assistance of a Yunnanese commander who has despatched a force of about 500 strong to attack the city. Admiral Chan Chak has withdrawn a battalion from Chinshan in order to recapture Sheki. Severe fighting is expected.

SUN AND CHAN.

RECONCILIATION IMPOSSIBLE.

The persistent reports appearing in the Chinese vernacular papers regarding a possible reconciliation between Dr. Sun and General Chan King-ming appear not to have been well founded, judging from an interview with a highly-placed Canton Government official which a *Telegraph* representative had yesterday.

We were informed that not much reliance could be placed on the reports, and the position was set forward as follows:—

General Chan, having held a high position in Kwangtung at one time, could not be expected to play a minor role as he would have to do if a reconciliation were effected on the conditions laid down by Dr. Sun. The province, in fact, was too small for both to be in it at the same time, and a solution could only be found in General Chan fading out of the picture, for a time at any rate. Dr. Sun is stated to be always open to any peace overtures from the other side, but only on certain well-defined conditions which would assure him a predominant influence.

THE COST OF LIVING.

ARE WE REITER OFF IN HONGKONG?

The manager of one of the big concerns in Hongkong forwarded a leading article from the *Hongkong Telegraph* on the conditions of life in this Colony to a business man, at Home, who makes some interesting comments in reply thereto. He says, *et cetera*.

"The writer [of the leading article] says he was talking to a man who had been in Hongkong for five years and the conversation turned to the topic of what benefit, if any, one gets nowadays from spending a large part of one's working life in the tropics, etc. The conclusion the two gentlemen appear to have come to was that 'the game is no longer worth the candle' as a man had to be very lucky indeed if he could put enough away in 15 years to enable him to retire in a small country cottage in the home land."

"The other newspaper articles refer to the cost of living in Hongkong, a subject with which I am tolerably familiar. I am afraid a good many people have not yet realised that we are still suffering from conditions brought about by the War. During the War, hardships were more or less cheerfully borne by most people but directly it was over, a large number seemed to be obsessed with the idea that normal conditions should be resumed at once. For my own part, I do not expect anything approaching normality for the next 10 years at least. In fact, if it comes in my time at all, I shall be well satisfied. People in England seem to put up with their hardships a good deal better than people who live abroad. Perhaps those living like yourself in British Colonies and Possessions are under the impression that you are suffering a good deal worse than people in a similar state of life are here. This, however, is not the case. Indeed, I venture to think that conditions here are a good deal worse than they are at Hongkong. A simple illustration will probably make this clear to you. In 1914, a man earning £1,000 a year paid 5 per cent. of his total income away in Income Tax, and the £ sterling was worth 20/-.

It followed, therefore, that:—
His income was ... £1,000
Less Income Tax ... 50
His net income was ... £ 950

The present day position is that the Tax on the same income is 15%, and the purchasing value of the pound is 11/-, therefore:—
Income ... £1,000
Less Income Tax ... 150
Less depreciation of 9/20ths in the £ ... 382 10
Net Income as compared with pre-war days ... £ 467 10

If the burden of the war was falling exclusively on the people who live abroad, I should feel they were deserving not only of sympathy but all the assistance it was possible to give them, but we are all suffering alike, and probably the people who live at home are carrying an even heavier burden than those who are abroad."

FOOTBALL.

The following team will represent the Kowloon Reserves in their 2nd Division League match v. the "Hollyhock" on the Kowloon ground on Saturday, 5th inst., kick-off 2.30 p.m.:—
Rasmussen; F. Ollifer, D. Urquhart; A. W. Brown, E. Sibley, S. Randle; V. East, B. Vickers, W. H. Brown, A. Spary and B. Haylock.
Reserves:—L. H. Taylor and S. W. Chapman.

The following will represent Club de Recreio against "Titanis" on St. Joseph's Ground at 2.30 p.m.:—M. Silva, H. Prata, W. Ogley (Capt); P. Xavier, H. C. Remedios; Gossano, D. Xavier, A. Fuertes, L. Rocha and A. A. Botelho. Reserves:—L. Xavier and L. Gomes.

GOAT GLAND DOCTOR.

ON THE WAY TO HONGKONG.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, January 4. Dr. Brinkley, the goat gland surgeon, has sailed by the Paul Luck, which is bound for Hongkong. He is continuing his world tour.

KONGMOON NEWS.

OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Kongmoon, Jan. 2. The gunboat Kong Tai is conspicuous by her absence to-day. She is stated to have left again for Shekhi. No fighting whatever has taken place at Shuiam during the recent trouble, as Chu Cheuk-man's evacuated that place before the arrival of Admiral Chan's forces.

In spite of the local papers strongly advocating the observance of the New Year's Day according to the Gregorian calendar, the merchants and the general people are reluctant to break away from traditional ideas. Beyond the fact that the various public and official buildings were profusely beflagged and that celebrations were held by the Labour Union and branches of the Kuomintang Party, the day was observed by the general public with no more ceremony or gaiety than an ordinary weekday.

BIG DRUG SEIZURES.

CONFISCATION ORDERS MADE.

An application came before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, for the confiscation, in default of a claim of ownership, of 1,500 ounces of morphine seized by Revenue Officers at the Kowloon godowns on December 20th contained in cases marked "Colours." The destination of the drug was Amoy. The application was granted. His Worship made a similar order in another case in which the confiscation of 5,280 ounces of heroin, estimated at a value of nearly two lakhs, was asked for. The stuff was seized on January 2nd, aboard the Fushimi Maru in cases purporting to contain harmless drugs. The destination was shown to be Kobe.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

London, Jan. 2.—The following matches were played to-day in the Scottish League:—
Kilmarnock ... 1 Ayr United ... 1
Morton ... 3 Motherwell ... 2
Rangers ... 1 Partick Thistle ... 0
Third Lanark ... 2 Queen's Park ... 3
Aberdeen ... 1 Hibernians ... 1
Clyde ... 0 Celtic ... 0
Clydebank ... 2 Raith Rovers ... 1
Falkirk ... 4 Dundee ... 1
Hamilton ... 5 Airdrieonians ... 1
Hearts ... 0 St. Mirren ... 0
—Reuter.

TO-DAY.

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Barometer 2 p.m. 30.16.
Temperature 2 p.m. 68.
Humidity 2 p.m. 66.
Lighting Up-Time 5.52 p.m.

NEWS IN THE ADS.

A concert of Russian music will be held at the residence of Mrs. H.B.L. Dowbiggin, 517, Magazine Gap, on the 26th inst. in aid of Charity.
Entries for the forthcoming races close on the 19th inst.

LABOUR'S ASPIRATIONS.

NO BACKSTAIR INFLUENCE WANTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 3. In a speech at Tamworth dealing with Mr. Asquith's contention that the Crown could refuse Mr. Ramsay MacDonald authority to dissolve Parliament, Mr. Frank Hodges declared that Labour believes it can consummate its programme through the British Constitution, and believes the Crown will not impede its democratic aspirations, but if any backstairs influence shatters this belief, then goodbye to political evolution. We should then drift to the rapids of revolution. He concluded by stating that the Labour Party has profound faith in the impartiality of the King, which no political intrigue should be permitted to destroy.

EGYPTIAN LEGATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED.

KING FIAD TO VISIT EUROPEAN CAPITAL.

Paris, January 3.

The first Egyptian Legation in France has been installed at the Hotel Majestic in Paris under Mahmoud Fakhr, who is also the Minister to Belgium. One of the secretaries of the Legation will be stationed at Brussels as charge d'affaires. An Egyptian Legation at Rome has already been established. Saifu Labeyary, the Minister to the United States, has left Cherbourg for New York, and Aziz Izet, the Minister to Britain, has landed at Trieste and expects to arrive in London on January 10. It is stated that King Fiad will probably visit London, Paris, Brussels and Rome, in May and June next.

WRECKAGE OF "DIXMUDE" FOUND.

EVIDENCE OF TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Marseilles, January 3.

Following the discovery of charred aluminium and burnt pieces of rubber-coated fabric in various places on the west coast of Sardinia, an observation balloon now, by wireless, announces the discovery of the wreckage of the airship Dixmude one hundred and twenty feet deep in the sea south of San Marco. The wreckage is strewn over a radius of half a mile. Drugging operations have begun. A Bizerta report states that two bodies have been recovered from the sea off Anperado.

(Reuter's American Service.)

FIERCE FIRE IN THE STATES.

MANY CASUALTIES REPORTED.

Peoria, Illinois, January 3.

A terrific explosion, believed to be due to ignition of dust in a corn products factory in the neighbouring town of Pekin, has resulted in many being killed and injured. The explosion was followed by a fire which spread to adjoining buildings, and burned fiercely, preventing access to them. Eighty persons have already been sent to hospital.

Seventy-six persons were employed on night shift in the building where the explosion occurred, and hitherto only twenty-eight are known to have escaped. Physicians fear that many of those sent to hospital will succumb to their severe burns. Survivors say there were two explosions in rapid succession, the second being the more severe.

Pekin (U.S.A.), January 3.

The Corn Products Company states that the casualties in the explosion are 35 dead, six missing, eleven persons probably fatally burned, and 31 others injured.

CLERGYMAN TO BE PROSECUTED.

CAST DOUBT ON CHURCH DOCTRINE.

Dallas, Texas, January 3.

The standing committee of the Diocese announces that the Reverend Mr. Lee Heaton Young, a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, will forthwith be placed on trial for expressing, in the course of sermons in New York, doubt concerning the virgin birth of Christ. His opinions recently aroused a storm of protest. The proceedings against him are described as part of the movement to cleanse the Episcopal Church of modernism.

U.S. MUNITIONS FOR MEXICANS.

SENATOR WANTS SOME DETAILS.

Washington, January 3.

The Republican, Mr. Fairchild, introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives requesting from the State Department details of the negotiations for the United States' sale of war materials to Mexico.

WELSH COAL TRADE TO CANADA.

Montreal, January 3.

It is announced that a Company has been formed, including Sir Alfred Mond and representatives of other Welsh colliery interests, to instal a complete breaking plant at Montreal for the purpose of handling Welsh anthracite of the sizes required by the Canadian trade. It is stated that the plant will be ready to deal with shipments of coal in the opening of the coming navigation season, and the Welsh coal interests are prepared to ship during the first year a minimum of a hundred thousand tons of anthracite to Canada.

SALE OF GERMAN DYE PATENTS UPHELD.

Wilmington, Delaware, January 3.

The Federal District Court has sustained the sale of 5,700 German dye chemical patents to the Chemical Foundation, which was incorporated by the Alien Property Custodian in wartime. The Government sought to have the sale set aside as unconstitutional. An appeal is being taken to the Supreme Court.

CHINESE TO STUDY CANADIAN RAILWAY.

Montreal, January 3.

Three Chinese graduates of Nanyang University, Shanghai, have arrived here with a view to entering the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway in order to study Canadian railway methods.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

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(United Press Service to the "Telegraph").

AMERICAN AVIATION IN THE FAR EAST.

Washington, Jan. 3.
Secretary of War Denby has ordered six navy airplanes with
full crews to the Asiatic station to join the Asiatic fleet, in accord-
ance with the policy of developing the aviation service in the
Far East. He has also ordered the entire Atlantic and Pacific
fleet to mobilise in the Caribbean Sea for the greatest American
manoeuvres ever held, which will take place in January and
February.

Washington, Jan. 3.
Secretary Denby has ordered mobilisation of the Atlantic and
Pacific fleets, and has scheduled the largest manœuvres ever held
for January and February, including fifteen battleships. The
manœuvres will be held in the Caribbean Sea, off Panama, to deter-
mine the possibility of quick mobilization of the joint fleets by
means of the Panama Canal in the event of a threat by enemy
fleets in the North Atlantic. The Navy Department says the aim
is to test effectiveness of co-operation between the Army and Navy
to keep the Channel open in emergency conditions. *Reuter's American Service.*

CHAUFFEUR SHOTS MILLIONAIRE.

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.
Mr. Gertrude Jones, the millionaire oilman was shot, perhaps
accidentally, by Mabel Norman's chauffeur at her party.

BOK PEACE CONTEST.

New York, Jan. 3.
The B.K. peace contest contained many manuscripts from China
and Japan which publishers are anxious to secure.

(Reuter's Service.)

HOME POLITICS.

London, Jan. 3.
An interesting pronouncement is made by Mr. Ramsay Mac-
donald in the periodical *New Leader*. Discussing the three party
problem, he says a situation that restores liberty of decision to
the House of Commons as a whole ought to be welcomed rather
than regretted. Everything points to continued stalemate, which
will lessen party bonds, members more frequently using their own
judgment, and tend to curb the partisanship of parties. He ex-
presses gratification that Mr. Asquith's statement on the question
of a dissolution has received scanty support in the best-informed
quarters. He terms absurd the idea that a Prime Minister can go
to the King just when it suits him and, angrily after an election,
ask if a dissolution, adding, however, that it belongs to the Minis-
ter's responsibility to have his advice taken, if to the best of his
beliefs, supported by the evidence of by-elections, he thinks an elec-
tion is necessary and the country would accept it. *Reuter.*

London, Jan. 3.
The Executive of the City of London Conservative Association
has issued a statement, that if a Conservative Government, sup-
ported by the Liberals is unattainable it hopes in the interests of
the nation that Conservative members of the House of Commons
will support a Liberal Administration. It says that administration
of the country in these critical times by an inexperienced govern-
ment of extreme views would be highly injurious to the nation in
its domestic and foreign politics. It is understood that Mr. Bal-
win, replying to the Association's representations, opined that in
view of Mr. Asquith's speech it is scarcely possible to approach him
as the Association suggested. It is expected, however, that Mr.
Baldwin will submit the representations to the Cabinet and his
colleagues. *Reuter.*

ALLIANCE OF EUROPEAN STATES.

Paris, Jan. 3.
The apprehensions expressed by the British and Italian press
that the Franco-Czech treaty will ultimately divide Europe into two
armed camps have evoked replies in the French press. *Le Journal*
entirely in the result of the treaty is a new Europe based on France,
Belgium-Luxembourg, and on improved relations with
Poland and the Baltic States. It says the coming conference at
Belgrade, and the Estonian and Latvian Customs Union are steps
in the same direction. It opines that the logical outcome of the
new situation will be moves in the direction of Russia. The *Echo*
de Paris says that France's aim is to organize the continent against
any attempt at hegemony, which may be achieved if the small
states of East Central Europe consolidate permanently outside of
Germanism.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

Mexico City, Jan. 3.
The rebels, using an old ponton, attacked and captured three
tanks belonging to the Mexican Eagle Oil Company, and com-
menced the cargoes of much needed oil.

Washington, Jan. 3.
Officials at Washington admit that the Mexican revolutionists
have made considerable headway but opine that the Obregon
Government will finally win. The sale of arms to Obregon is pro-
ceeding, all the protests being apparently in vain. A fierce debate
in Congress is expected. The Mexican War Office reports that one
shipment has arrived and it is planned to use bombing planes
against the revolutionists. A British warship has arrived at
Puerto Mexico. *Reuter's American Service.*

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INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

Coronados, Jan. 3.
In a statement to the Committee of the All-India Congress, Mr.
Shaukat Ali denied that he and his brother Mohamed Ali had acted
as agents of the Amir for the purpose of founding a Moslem Empire
of India. He alleged that the Government was at present provoking
a fight with Afghanistan and added that if war was declared the
Muslims would start civil disobedience. The Ali brother-
begged the Hindus to do their utmost to prevent war and he sug-
gested that a deputation of Hindus including Mr. Gandhi and pre-
minent Muslims, should visit the frontier and discuss matters
with the Afghans.

The National Congress concluded after deciding to appoint a
Board for the purpose of popularising the use of khaddar, otherwise
homespun, throughout India. A resolution was passed expressing
the opinion that the sufferings of Indians abroad were unremediable
until Swaraj is achieved. Mohamed Ali, in a final speech, dwelt
on the prospect of attaining Swaraj in the ensuing years. *Reuter.*

PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE.

Washington, Jan. 3.
The status of the Philippines is absorbing the attention of
Congress and exciting much comment. Several plans for regulating
the status of the Islands have been suggested, of which favours
dominion government like Canada. *Reuter's American Service.*

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

Berlin, Jan. 3.
Herr Hermann, Minister of the Interior in the Socialist govern-
ment of Thuringia, has been arrested at Weimar on the charge that
he was implicated in illegal practices in connection with the ap-
pointment of Socialist officials.

THE LITTLE ENTENTE.

Sofia, Jan. 3.
The Yugoslav Minister, Mr. Rakitch, has left for Belgrade
taking with him the full text of the speech of M. Zarkoff. It is
hoped that M. Rakitch was a strong supporter of Serbo-Bulgarian
friendship will succeed in clearing up the misunderstanding. *Reuter.*

FORD'S CAR INDUSTRY.

Washington, Jan. 3.
It is stated that Mr. Henry Ford has completed plans to spend
from 20 to 30 millions sterling this year in extending his business,
including new factories, light railways and plant for utilisation the
by-products. *Reuter's American Service.*

THE POUND STERLING.

Washington, Jan. 3.
The sterling quotation is now \$4.28. The decline is attributed
in many circles to the political situation in England. *Reuter's
American Service.*

MUCH MARRIED
DANCER.

IRENE CASTLE EN ROUTE
TO HONGKONG.

(Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Jan. 3.

Irene Castle, the famed American
dancer, has arrived here on her
honeymoon with Major Frederick W.
McLaughlin, the millionaire Chicago
coffee broker. They plan to remain
here and in Peking for ten days
and then will proceed southward
to Hongkong and Manila. They
were married secretly in Chicago
recently, following Irene's divorce at
Paris from Robert Treman. Irene's
first husband, Capt. Vernon Castle
was killed when his airplane crashed
during the war.

TOKYO CABINET.

Tokyo, Jan. 3.—The Kokumin
understands that Baron Kiyoura has
declined the Regent's request to
form a Cabinet. *Reuter.*

Later, Viscount Kiyoura ap-
parently failed because he was
unable to secure the support of
the political parties in both houses.
While the Kokuyaku in the Peers
were prepared to back him, condi-
tionally, the Seiyukai would not
give definite promises, except one
of benevolent neutrality. *Reuter.*
Tokyo, Jan. 3.—Baron Kiyoura on
the further request of the Prince
Regent has reconsidered his decision
and will form a Cabinet. *Reuter.*

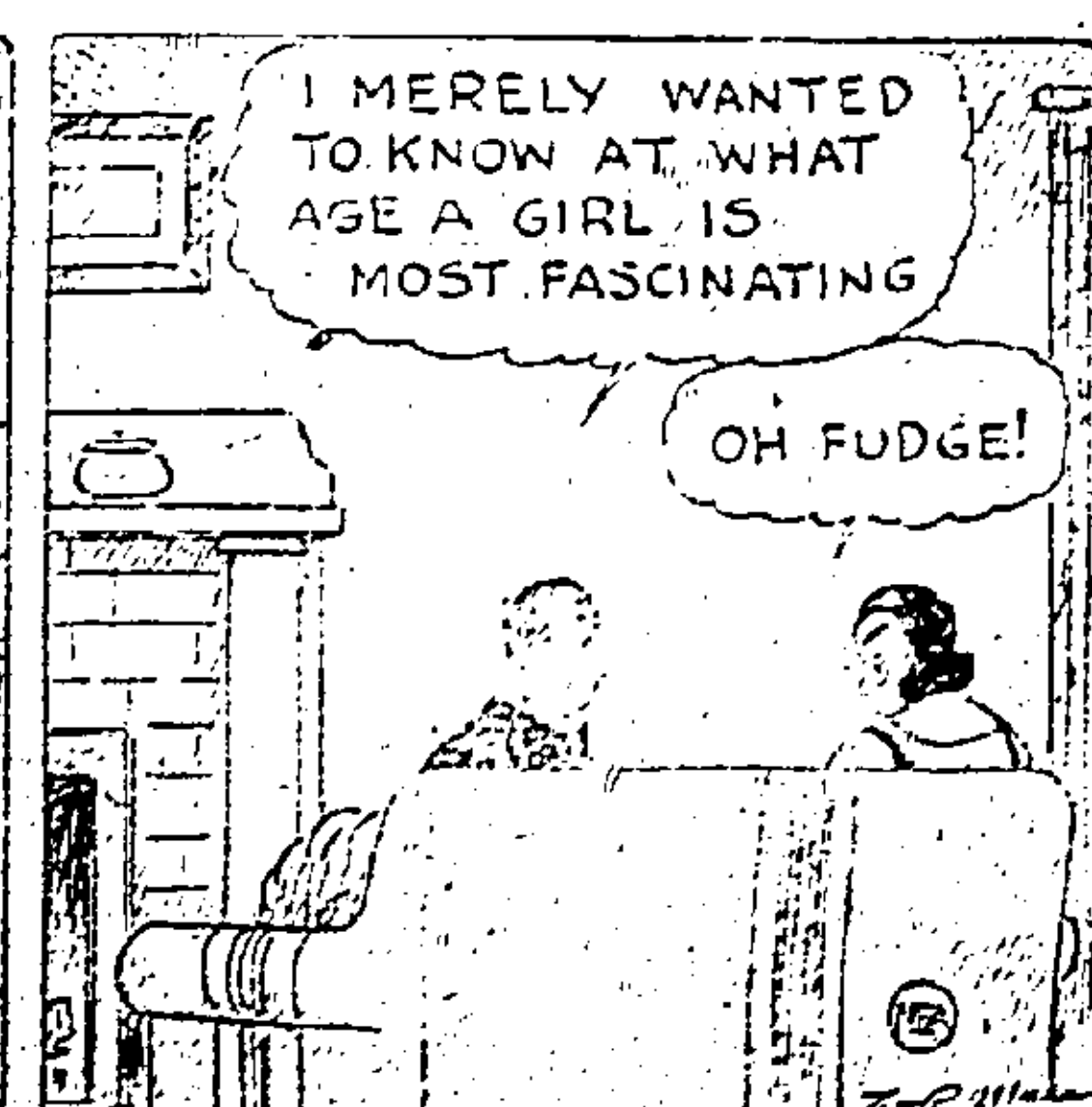
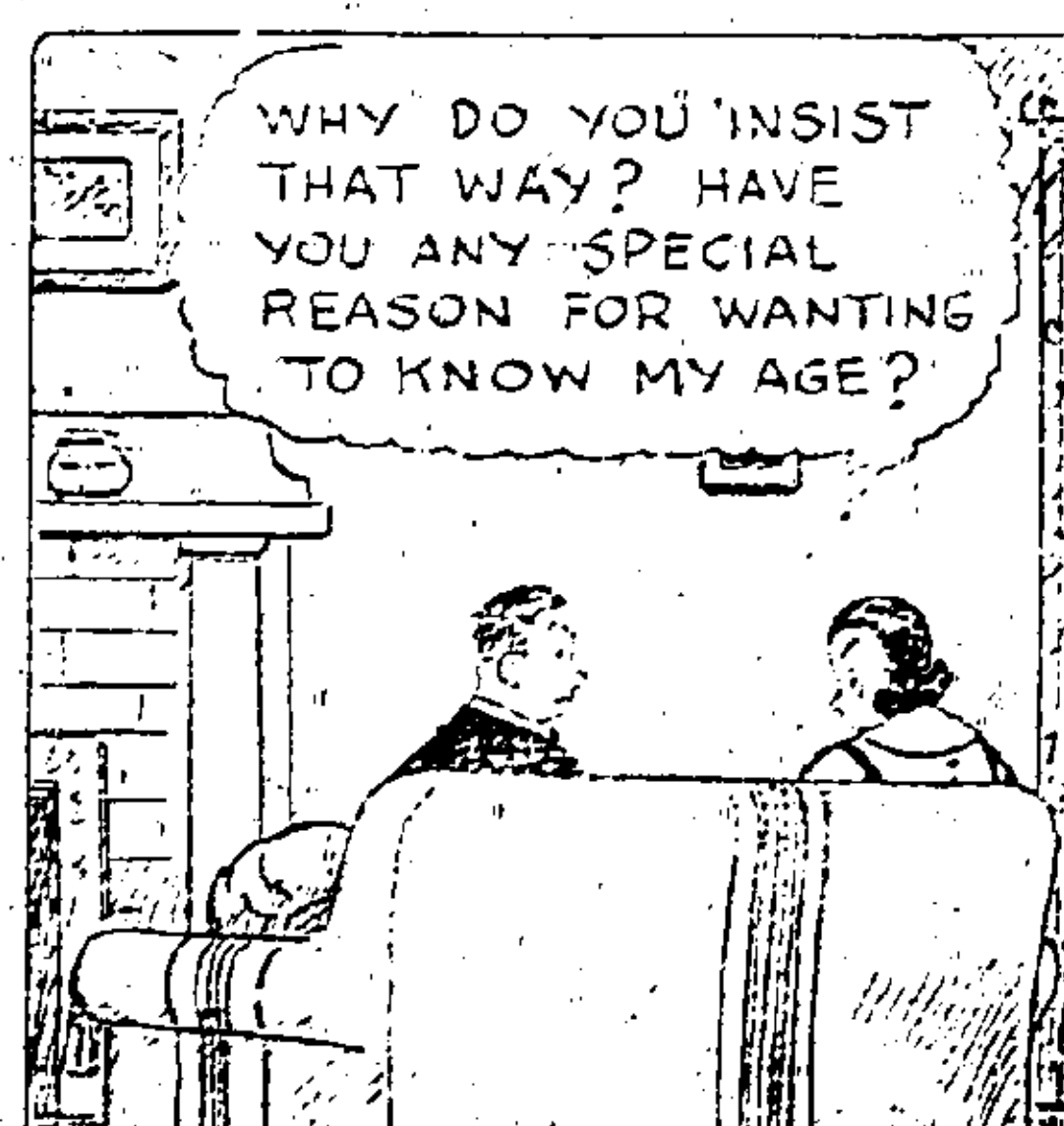
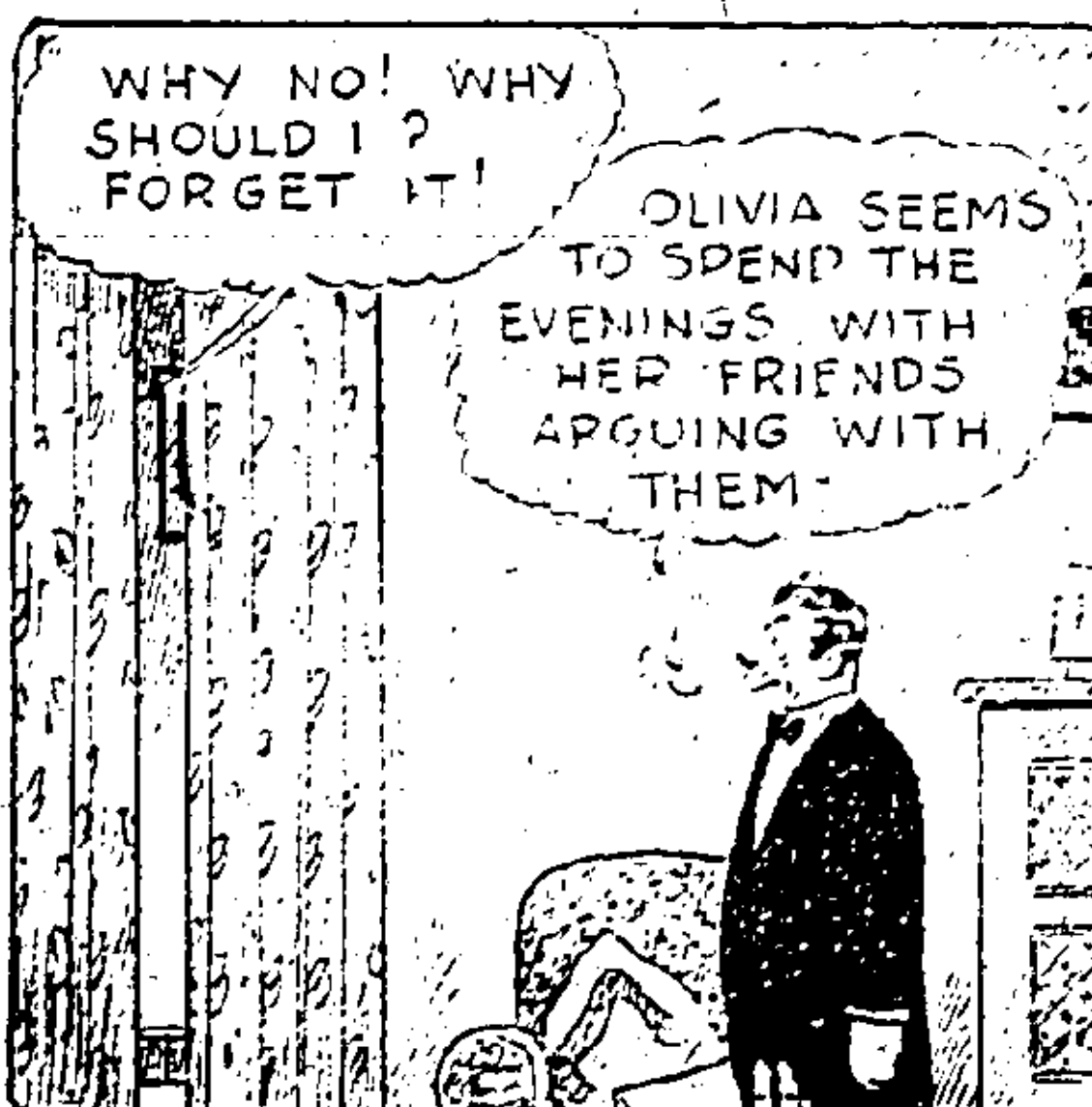
CUSTOMS SURPLUS
DISPUTE.

Peking, Jan. 3.—Sir E. Aglen, the
Inspector General of Customs, has
received telegrams from the associ-
ated Chinese bankers and commercial
bodies of Tientsin, Shanghai, Hang-
chow, Nanking, Nanchang, Soochow
and Peking strongly protesting
against any diversion of the Customs
surplus funds. *Reuter.*

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1924.

ENTRIES for the FORTHCOMING RACES close on Saturday 19th instant at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Jockey Club Rooms, J.A. Charter Road on this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, the Jockey Club Rooms (Hongkong Club Annex, Charter Road) or Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

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CHAMPAGNE CAVES.

Visit to Historic Cellars of Reims.

Much champagne was probably drunk during the last few days than at any other time of the year. The visit of a journalist, therefore, to one of the largest champagne producers in Reims is of topical interest. He says:

Commencing, as one should do, at the beginning, I saw countless thousands of bottles being skillfully washed and dried. Would that the table glass of restaurants were half so bright and polished. Then to the process of filling. From great vats was pumped the raw juice of the grapes into troughs below, and from these troughs, by means of simple automatic taps operated by boys or young girls, the bottles were filled, passed by hand to a waiting workman close by, who, with skillful tappings from his machine, corked them down and filled the baskets, which were placed beside him. These baskets, by means of chain machinery on which they were suspended commenced a tortuous descent to the cellars, and down into the cellars I followed them.

A change from the atmosphere upstairs, where large, well-lit rooms resounded with the noise of machinery and the murmur of the workers, for all the world akin to a spacious English factory. Below, descending broad stone steps, the air struck chilly, caves and passage ways loomed up, with high rough hewn walls on every side, and in the dim light the place was reminiscent of the crypt of some old cathedral, lined in military order with nothing but stacked bins of wine.

GETTING THE FIZZ.

Here, by the hundreds of thousands, bottles of that dull looking liquid that I had seen upstairs were slowly coming to life. The process of fermentation had begun. Picking up a bottle, and holding it to the light, a dark streak running from the base to the cork could be seen and the wine was becoming clear and bright, whilst the sediment was working towards the cork. Finally it seemed a mile further on in the cellars, from a bin was extracted a bottle, standing there inverted, and I could see how the sediment had in time been skilfully persuaded to the top, leaving beneath it—Champagne. Next, a group of busy workers were removing the sediment, and how cleverly they do it. The bottles are stored upside down in a small machine and frozen around the neck, just low enough to affect the dark patch of sediment on the cork. The disgorging, ready at hand, takes each bottle, releases the cork and with an explosion out bursts the frozen sediment, froth, and nothing else. Herein lies his art.

Next to him, working a machine by hand, is the workman who adds to each bottle his proportion of liqueur, quickly and with absolute precision, according to the country for which the wine is intended. For France, a great deal to make it sweet; for England, but a little to keep it sec. One after the other the bottles are examined, passed, corked down, and wired, eventually to leave their home, the cellars, for ever. They will be launched out into the world—England, France, Belgium, Africa, India, Australia.

POTATO CURRENCY.

Shopping by Ear in Germany.

Corn, potatoes, and butter now take the place of money in certain rural districts of Germany, and a letter received by a London man from a friend living near Lagow, Prussia, describes the barter system in force there.

"All the tradespeople," says the writer, "now make charges like this: Boots soled and healed, 14cwt. of corn; soled only, 14cwt. altering a seat, 3cwt. of potatoes; making a mattress for a child's bed, 3cwt. of potatoes; sharpening two pairs of scissors and two knives, 1lb. butter, and so on. Payment in goods ensures that the shopkeeper receives full value."

"One of our maids went to the next town, taking with her 4lbs. of butter, which then cost 15,000, 000,000 marks a pound. She asked in a shop the price of a skirt, and offered the sum in butter. The skirt was at once wrapped up for her. The people in the shops will always barter against food, because it is so hard to obtain."

TRAIN A MILE LONG.

The world's grain train record was broken the other day, when a string of wagons a mile in length arrived at Regina, Saskatchewan, hauled by one of the largest locomotives in the world. It comprised 125 wagons, loaded with 135,000 bushels of wheat. This weighed 5,565 tons, and the wagons accounted for 2,380 tons, so that the total load of the engine was nearly 8,000 tons. The grain was part of Canada's record crop of 470,000,000 bushels.

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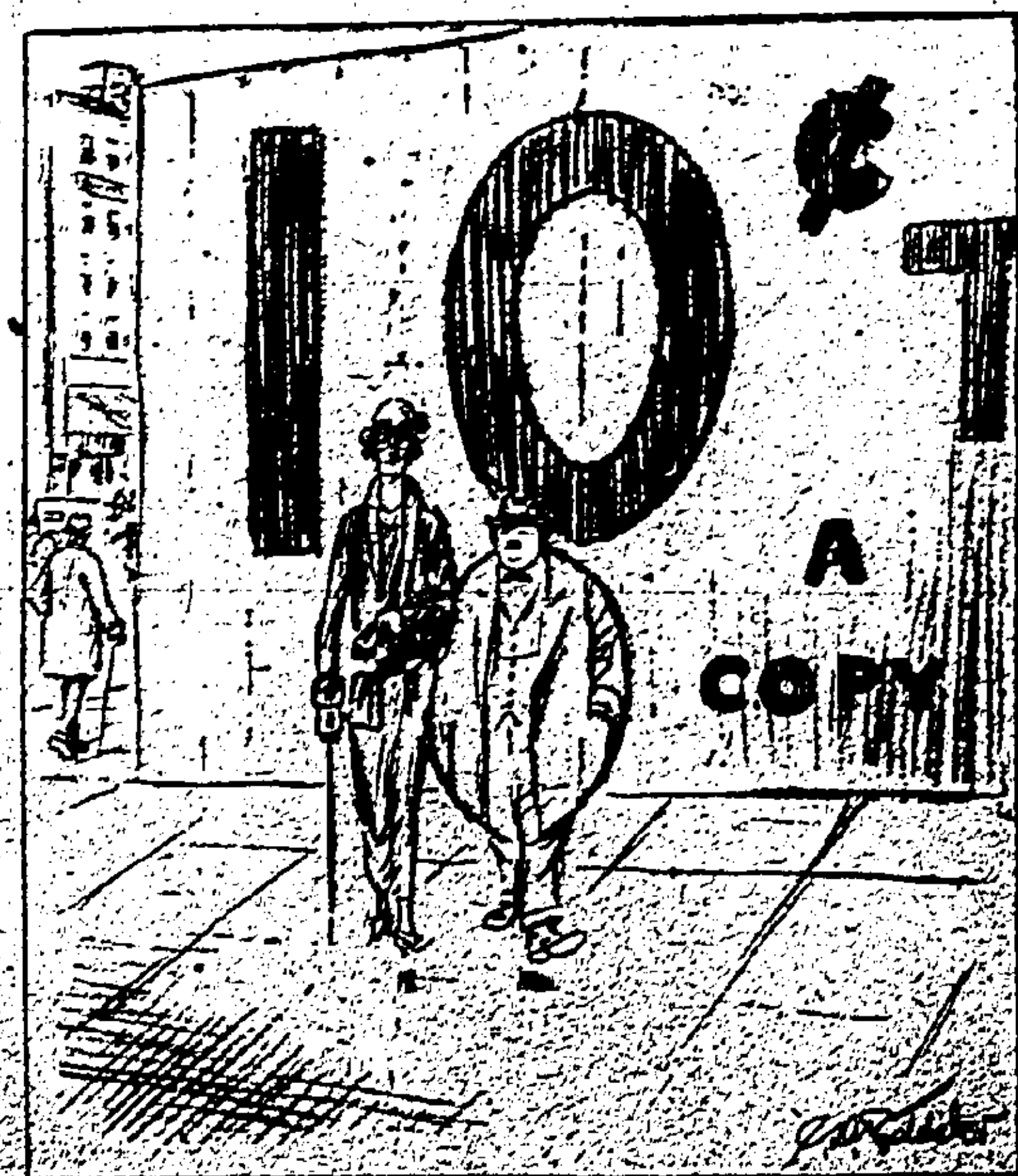
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WATER CLOSETS.
INSTALLATION IN CHINESE OFFICES.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board took place yesterday afternoon, Mr. G. R. Sayer presiding. There were present Dr. W. W. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. F. M. G. Ozorio, Mr. Wong Kwong-tai and Mr. J. A. Fraser, Secretary.

Dealing with two applications for permission to erect water closets at 165 Des Voeux Road Central and Nos. 6 and 8 Wing Lok Street, the Chairman said the applications had been considered by a sub-committee. He opposed them for reasons he had previously given in similar applications, viz. the buildings in question were not fit for such installations and might be used again as ordinary tenement houses.

Dr. Ozorio, in recommending the granting of the applications, said he did not wish to go into the point as to the suitability of the buildings for this type of installation as he had spoken on this subject years ago, but he would like to bring forward what he considered a very strong point in favour of the granting of the applications. That was that the Board had made public in their decision that, subject to compliance with certain conditions, people could install water closets in their houses, the conditions including a certain standard of sanitation and water supply arrangement. Dr. Ozorio said he thought the two applicants had complied with these conditions. The Board had shown discrimination between different classes of people in treating these applications. The fact that the buildings were Chinese offices was not sufficient ground for refusing the applications. With regard to the point that the buildings might be used again as tenement houses, Dr. Ozorio said the Board could introduce a proviso to the effect that the water closets could only be allowed as long as the premises were occupied as offices.

Mr. Wong supported Dr. Ozorio's views. He said the water carriage system should be encouraged by the Board as far as possible and the applications should be granted. The Sanitary Department's staff would have less work to do.

LATE MRS. TATAM.
FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Tatam took place last evening at Happy Valley, a large number of friends assembling. There was a profusion of beautiful wreaths, including tributes from the following:—

Margaret and her Paddy, Roy, Margaret, Anna, Mr. and Mrs. D. Steel, Mrs. T. Neave, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Members of Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, Mr. T. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Taylor, Mrs. Gellion and Miss Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West, Mabel Pearce, The Chinese Office Staff H. W. D. C., Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mcintosh, Terpet, Dept. H. W. D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. W. Forsyth, Mr. and C. Bond, Mr. J. Jones, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mr. H. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Poulton, and family, Mrs. Kemp and family, Mrs. and Mrs. H. E. Sorvén, Mrs. Neve and family, Great Office Boys H. W. D. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ramsay, Mr. J. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dixon, Mr. W. E. R. Hynham, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and family, Members of the Portuguese Staff at Kowloon Dock, Mr. L. Guy, Mr. W. Russell, Miss S. Ellis, Miss L. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mr. J. C. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lapsley, Mr. A. M. Simson, Mr. M. J. Henderson.

Dr. Pearce said that Chinese buildings in many cases were unsuitable for the installation of a water carriage system and to his mind the houses of Chinese business houses would be best served by the water-fushed public latrines. He had never opposed an application unless under special circumstances. For example, in the case of restaurants and big Chinese stores he had always been willing to recommend that permission be granted.

After further remarks by the Chairman, the minute of the sub-committee was passed. The rest of the business was purely formal.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
NOTICE.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1924, at 5 p.m.

The purposes for which the Meeting is called are:

(a) To confirm the following resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 12th December, 1923.

1. That the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended by adding after Rule No. 11 the following Rule:—
11a. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 a China Pony is a horse measuring 13 hands 3 inches and under.
2. That the said Rules of Racing be amended by striking out Rule No. 77 and substituting the following:—
77. The weight for China Ponies shall be 140 pounds for 12 hands with an additional 3 pounds for every complete inch above that height. Fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony. Any Pony measuring 14 hands (fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony) and under shall be eligible to compete at the Annual Race Meeting in 1924 in any race reserved for China Ponies. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924, any China Pony, which measures over 13 hands 3 inches, to be ineligible to compete in any race reserved for China Ponies (fractions of an inch over 13 hands 3 inches not to count).
- 77a. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 the Stewards may refuse to accept the entry of any Pony, which in their opinion is not a China Pony. They may, at their discretion, appoint a Committee of Inspection. The Stewards' decision shall be final.
3. That Rule No. 34 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended to read:—
34. The Stewards have power to draw up and settle the programme and fix the date or dates for any Race Meeting.
4. That Rule No. 76 of the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be unchanged.
- (b) To propose a resolution adopting the revised Rules and Regulations of the Club as circulated to the Members, in which the following new provisions have been made:—
1. For the division of the Members of the Club into voting and Non-voting or Ordinary Members.
2. For Lady Racing Members.
3. For the increase of the Entrance Fee to the Club.
4. For Visiting Members.
5. For the appointment of a Secretary.
6. For the alteration of the date upon which subscriptions were payable and other minor alterations.

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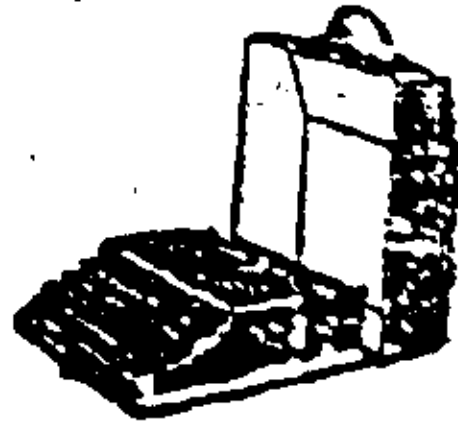
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THE POLITICAL MUDDLE.

Important political developments are expected to take place at Home within the next few days. Parliament is due to reassemble in less than a week's time, so we should soon know who is to carry on the administration of the country's affairs. The Baldwin Government still holds office, but it is obvious that as a consequence of the General Election it will find continuance therein no easy or enviable task. At any moment on an issue in which it may find itself opposed by the other two parties it would be hopelessly outvoted. If Mr. Baldwin carries on, we should not expect him to bring forward unduly contentious proposals, such as tariff reform, but, even so, it is quite conceivable that on important questions in the realm of foreign politics it might find itself in sorry isolation. Therefore, unless the Conservatives confine their energies to non-controversial issues, or manage to come to some understanding with one of the other parties, Mr. Baldwin's Government cannot hope, even if it decides to continue functioning, to have a long life.

London Conservatives, we see, are dead set against the possibility of a Labour Government, which they consider would be highly injurious to the nation's domestic and foreign policy. They even go so far as to suggest that, if Mr. Baldwin cannot carry on, Conservatives generally should support a Liberal administration. Apparently they think that anything is to be preferred to a Labour Government. It is to be doubted, however, if the Liberals hold the same opinions. Mr. Asquith has certainly spoken strongly against the idea of any understanding whatsoever with the Conservatives, and we cannot conceive, in view of the recent reunion, that Mr. Lloyd George would part company with him on such a point. It would therefore appear as if one

or other of the three parties must agree to take up the reins of Government.

A message to hand yesterday made mention of a report that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is busy Cabinet-making, and that he has offered Mr. Sidney Webb the Colonial Secretaryship. What measure of truth there is in this story we cannot tell at this distance from the centre of politics, although we can well understand that the Labour leader may be looking about for likely Ministers in the event of his being called upon to form a Government. Even if Labour receives such a call, however, it would be in just as uncomfortable a plight as either of the other parties. Nothing revolutionary, such as the Capital Levy scheme, could be attempted, for fear of defeat when it came to a division. The General Election has certainly left the political situation in a very confused and muddled state. Those of us who are interested in future developments can still only "wait and see."

After the Treaty.

All discerning observers predicted that the result of the peace with Turkey—the virtual "climdown" of the Powers—would be a gradual elimination of Europeans from that country. Either they would have to leave under pressure brought to bear on them or else the conditions of their sojourn would be made such as to decide them to shake the dust of the country from off their shoes. Various incidents, soon after the treaty had been signed, pointed to the conclusion that discrimination against foreigners was to be a major part of the Turkish administrative policy, and the latest indication of this trend is the notification to foreign shipping companies operating to Constantinople that all loading and unloading operations, customs formalities and pilotage must be performed by Turkish Moslems. It is pointed out by the companies concerned that the supply of Turkish pilots is inadequate and they are often inefficient. Trouble is sure to arise. The Turks are "basing their action on the Treaty of Lausanne." Truly, hesitant "diplomacy" has a great deal to answer for.

The Philippines.

After the heated controversy of some time back, the burning question of Philippines independence—coupled with a demand from certain Filipino politicians for the recall to the U.S.A. of Governor-General Wood—has been suffered to fade into the background of the newspaper reader's outlook, but an occasional paragraph has served to remind one that the dispute has not by any means been shelved. There appeared to be some difficulty recently about the choosing of a delegation to President Coolidge, a Manila paper asserting that whilst many prominent Filipinos were to the fore in agitating for independence they were shy of doing the journey to America to lay the case for the Islands before the Administration at Washington. Unfortunately for the aspirations of these home-rulers, their ranks have not been united, and mutual recriminations have occasionally taken the place of ordered debate. However, the case for the Philippines has been brought to the notice of the fair-minded people of the United States, and the Filipinos can be assured of a proper hearing. A message published to-day revives interest in the subject by stating that the controversy is absorbing the attention of Congress and exciting much comment. It is reported that amongst the plans suggested for regulating the status of the Islands is one favouring dominion government as in Canada. As an unbiased and absolutely impartial observer, the writer of this comment is of opinion that some such arrangement is sure to prove the ultimate solution. As with India, the people of the Philippines require a greater measure of participation in the government of their country, but owing to their partial state of advancement, the contrasts in their stages of education, and the diversity of races and creeds, complete independence is a very long way ahead of them.

DAY BY DAY.

WE SHOULD ESTIMATE THAT ONE MAN IN EVERY TEN GETS HIS LIVING BY TELLING OTHERS HOW TO DO THINGS HE CANNOT DO HIMSELF.—From "His Lady Secretary."

There were 14 more cases of small-pox notified yesterday, all being Chinese excepting one Indian.

The Shanghai Interport Rugby players are returning North by the French mail steamer Amboise this afternoon.

Owing to the indisposition of our contributor, "The Armchair Critic's" notes on local cricket will not appear this week.

Records taken at the Botanic Gardens show that there were slight falls of rain on nine days during December. The total fall was 0.63-inch.

In the New Year golf competition the Mixed Foursome was won by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (5 down), and the Bogey Pool by Mr. F. S. Harrison (2 up).

Mr. W. Sinclair is giving a private exhibition on the 10th and 11th instants, at his Peak residence, of stage models which he has designed for the Wembley Exhibition.

The American business community is giving a tiffin at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday next in honour of Captain Robert Dollar, the well-known shipping magnate.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include a fine group taken at the police New Year sports: two excellent pictures of the foreign men-of-war assembled off Canton; and a group of the England v. Scotland football teams which recently met on the Club ground.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. William Van Agnew, chartered accountant of Manila, to Miss Mary Murray Stewart, en route from England by the s.s. Mentor; Mr. Horace Blood, R.N., H.M.S. Titania, to Miss Doris Mary Tenner Rovers, Kingsclere Hotel, Kowloon.

CRICKET.

C.R.C. V. CIVIL SERVICE.

The following will represent the Chinese Recreation Club in a friendly match against Civil Service on the C.R.C. ground on Saturday—J. M. Tan, M. K. Lo, M. W. Lo, G. Lee, H. C. Hung, W. Hung, Shi Yuk-kwan, C. Chua, Ng Sze-kwong, C. E. Wong and H. Ching.

UNIVERSITY V. CRAIGEN-GOWER.

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against Craigen-gower to be played on the latter's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. sharp.—A. A. Runjahn (Capt.), H. N. Balchett, E. K. Quick, R. A. Ponsonby, Fane, M. H. Roffey, A. S. Hett, W. M. Gittins, T. O. Yew, D. Laing, S. Hachiuma and A. N. Other.

MARRIED V. SINGLE.

On Saturday, on the H.K.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. the following teams will represent Married and Single. Teams will tiffin at 1 p.m. sharp, so that an early start can be made:—

Married.—H.R.B. Hancock (capt), H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, Col. T. A. Robertson, G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. E. Hollands, E. C. Hagen, H. Griffin and D. E. Donnelly.

Single.—R.E.A. Webster (capt), H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Lammer, D. W. Leach, E. G. England, A. V. T. Dean, C. H. Piercy, D. H. F. Mc Master, C. R. Baron and C. V. Mark.

The following will represent the I. B. C. 2nd XI in a League match against the C. C. C. 2nd XI on the latter's ground tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.—D. M. Rumjahn, Sirdar Khan, F. M. el Arculli, A. H. M. Samy, O. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, M. P. Madar, Y. A. Wahab, A. Wahab, A. Kitchell, R. Nazarin and S. A. Hamid.

TO-NIGHT'S BALL.

PROMISE OF BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

Those attending the City Hall to-night for the annual St. George's Ball will find a simple but pleasing scheme of decoration. A castle-like and battlemented entrance is surmounted by the big emblazoned sign "St. George for Marie England," the whole forming a very effective design. The entrance hall and the main stairway have been embellished with clusters of flags and the usual ferns, the stairway itself being lighted up by red and white electric lights. On the right is the usual card room, the scheme here being entirely red and white, the bunting for the "ceiling" being so arranged as to form a huge St. George's Cross. On the left is the bar, the signs "Ye Rose and Crown" and "The Dun Cow" giving a typical English flavour to the hostelry. At the head of the first flight of stairs is a big St. George's shield, electrically lighted, this being draped with two large flags of the same cross. On the stairs the walls are decorated with the arms of prominent English towns and also representations of red and white roses.

The two big dance halls are very simply treated, red and white streamers with town and city shields being practically the entire embellishment. The lights have been covered with red and white paper and, doubtless, when the halls are lighted the effect will be quite pleasing. In St. Andrew's Hall is a large painting of St. George, whilst in St. George's Hall the big picture of the late Queen Victoria, is draped with huge flags of St. George. The ante-rooms have also been pleasingly transformed, the predominant colours being red and white.

Perhaps the most effective item in the decorations is the passageway leading from the main stairs to the official supper table. This has been transformed into a pretty trellis-work bower with red and pink rambler roses. The President's table is horse-shoe in design, the back and sides of the stage having been draped with bunting, amber and black being the principal colours used. The theatre itself has also been liberally treated with bunting of various colours, whilst the main table will be lighted with little standard lamps of old gold colour. The decorations as a whole can be accurately described as simple. Visitors should look out for the picture of St. George slaying the Dragon of Killjoys.

OFFICIAL SUPPER PARTY.

We learn that about 1,100 invitations have been sent out. The President of the Society this year is Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, and the official supper-party will be composed of the following:—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (President) and Lady Stubbs, H. E. The Governor and Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, H. E. Senor J. Batalha de Freitas and Lady Leveson, H. E. The Commander in Chief and Madame de Freitas, H. E. The General and Lady Rees Davies, The R. R. The Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Grace, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (Acting Vice Pres.) and Lady Chater, Commodore H. E. Grace and Mrs. Pollock, Hon. Sir Claude Severn and Mrs. Stephen, Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Lady Brunyate, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and Mrs. Gompertz, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen and Mrs. Holyoak, Sir William Brunyate and Mrs. Bird, H. H. Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Sutherland, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Alabaster, Mr. G. T. M. Edkins and Mrs. Hamilton, Dr. Montagu Harston and Mrs. Dickens, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Orpen Sanders, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird and Mrs. Butterworth, Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Harston, Mr. W. A. Dowley and Mrs. Airey, Mr. R. J. Wilton and Mrs. Cock, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mrs. Grayburn, Mr. E. Cock and Mrs. Cassidy, Mr. V. M. Grayburn and Mrs. Beavis, Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Mrs. Wilton.

OFFICIAL LANCERS.

The dance programme consists of 22 dances with two extras, the only typically English dance being the opening Lancers. Those taking part in the official set will be:—The President, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pollock, Admiral and Lady Leveson, General and Lady Fowler, Lady Rees Davies, Sir Claude Severn, Commodore and Mrs. Grace and Mrs. Gompertz.

THE COMMITTEES.

The following are the members of the various Committees:—Invitation and Reception Committee.—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SHANGHAI DEFEATED BY NAVY.

It must have been a rather tired and stiff rugby fifteen from Shanghai that turned out on the Club football ground yesterday afternoon to meet the Navy, for only the previous day they had played and defeated Hongkong. And it was, therefore, no disgrace for them to suffer defeat, as they did by sixteen points to three, as there are many in this Colony who think the Navy side slightly superior to the Interport team, notwithstanding the fact that the Club has already beaten the Navy this year in a Cup match. Yesterday afternoon's match was bright and interesting, but the Navy was always the better and livelier side. The teams turned out as follows:—

Shanghai.—G. D. Nicholl; J. Shaw; C. R. W. Thomson, H. W. P. McMeekin (capt), G. F. W. Richard, R. L. S. Webb, G. E. Gooldeen; W. E. D. Smith, V. E. Jones, J. C. Stewart, E. A. Jenkinson, B. S. Stephenson, S. A. Grew, W. D. Neil and T. Leach.

Royal Navy.—Mid. St. Croix; Ldg. St. Wiscombe, Pay, Mid. Wilson, Mid. Staden, P. O. Shenton; A. B. Dowden, Lt. Montgomery; Lt. McBride (capt), Lt. Menzies, Mid. Yale, Lt. Harris, Lt. Horton, Mid. Robertson, Mid. Palmer and C. P. O. Gough.

Shanghai attacked at the outset, but robust tackling on the part of the Navy's defence brought relief, as also did a fine dribble by P. O. Shenton. A fine three-quarter movement ended in Shenton crossing for the Navy, Yale converting. The Navy again distinguished himself by a fine run, passing to Yale for the latter to register a further try. He just failed to convert from a difficult angle. Just before the interval, the Navy further increased their lead, Shenton scoring the best try of the match by clever work, Yale again converting. The interval thus arrived with the Navy thirteen points up.

In the second half, Shanghai had more of the play and pressed for a long spell. For an infringement quite near the Navy goal, the visitors were awarded a penalty kick, McMeekin making no mistake. Soon after another penalty kick was awarded, but the same player failed to make the points. Shortly before the final whistle Wiscombe got over again for the Navy, but the points were not improved upon. The Navy thus ran out winners of a good game by sixteen points to three.

(Chairman), Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird (Vice-Chairman), Sir Claude Severn, C.M.G., L.L.D., Hon. Mr. Justice Gompertz, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Dr. G. Montagu Harston, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Mr. P. A. Cox, Mr. C. Montague Eds, Lieut. Col. W. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Mr. G. H. Piercy (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. H. E. Hollands (Ball Secretary).

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A LOCAL CAUSERIE.

[BY "IMPRESSIONIST"]

With the advent of the taxi and the motor bus, resulting in further congestion in our not too wide streets, the reduction in the number of rickshas plying for public hire has followed as an almost inevitable consequence. Previous to this the congestion at certain crowded points had forced the Traffic Department to arrange stations at which rickshas could wait for hire. But this regulation has been easily evaded by coolies often leaving the places assigned to them and pulling their vehicles along the streets whilst touting for fares. The consequence has been an even greater traffic congestion, and one week recently the "cops" took out no fewer than seven hundred summonses against these coolies. The authorities have now attempted to deal with the situation by withdrawing licenses from confirmed offenders, thus helping to solve the problem by a reduction in the number of rickshas plying for public hire.

Needless to say, the ricksha farmers, whose interests are affected, have lodged an appeal against the measure, pointing chiefly to the hardships imposed on the coolies thus thrown out of employment. At first sight, the ricksha farmers appear to have a good case, but a closer enquiry into the circumstances under which the majority of the coolies get employment by the farmers will give a truer perspective to the position. In the first place, these coolies, being taken into employment on the farming system, there will be no great harm in taking away a few from a calling which admittedly has become overcrowded. The remainder will be the ones to derive benefit from the step, though it may mean some curtailment of the revenue for the farmers by reason of the fact that fewer of their rickshas will be leased out. That the alleged hardships for some are over-stated is shown by enquiries which I have pursued on the subject.

It may not be generally known that a large number of this Colony's rickshas pullers put in only part time at their jobs. The other part of the year they spend as tillers of the soil in the interior. When crops are lean or in the period intervening between sowing and harvest time, these Hakkas from the Waichow district come to Hongkong to earn extra money by pulling rickshas. That they make a fair living at it one may assume, but a question of importance at the present time is whether the Colony can properly absorb all it has without introducing certain objectionable elements detrimental to the peace and good order of the Colony.

Just now the Waichow district from which these ricksha coolies

FATAL RACING ACCIDENT.

A Jockey Killed at Rangoon.

At the fifth autumn extra meeting of the Rangoon Turf Club, held on December 8th, a shocking accident occurred in the eighth race, details of which, from the *Rangoon Gazette*, are as follow.—There were seventeen starters. The ponies had gone about a furlong and had passed the half mile post at the college bend when Sabai Nyun, with Po Yee II up, was seen to stumble and fall and to the horror of the spectators four other ponies ran into her. These were Nyun Them with Po Htain up, Daung Nyun ridden by Maung Maung Gyi, Lady Cutting with Taylor up, and E Sein with Scanlan in the saddle. The other ponies managed to avoid these and escaped without colliding. All the riders of the ponies named were thrown and four of the ponies came home without them, but Nyun Them could not rise. Help was quickly forthcoming and it was found that Scanlan and Po Yee II had escaped with a shaking, but not so the others. Taylor was suffering from shock and a broken collar bone. Po Htain was unconscious as was Maung Maung Gyi. They were hurried to the hospital where it was found that Taylor's injuries were as stated; Maung Maung Gyi had a depressed fracture of the skull and was partly paralysed, and Po Htain, although unconscious was apparently not injured as no marks were visible. He is believed to be injured internally. Maung Maung Gyi's condition was very grave, and as stated above he has since succumbed to his injuries.

CONTRACTOR ON TRIAL.

The trial has begun at Calcutta of the builder and contractor charged with causing the death of 42 inmates of the Calcutta Mohammedan Orphanage, which collapsed on June 26, by a rash and negligent act, namely, alleged careless supervision of the construction of a portion of the buildings.

are mostly recruited, is embroiled in internecine conflict. Fields are left untilled and the influx of Hakkas into Hongkong—a land of promise—has been particularly heavy. The new-comers do not all take up work as ricksha-pullers, either. Incidentally, records of piracies including the Hydrangea case, have revealed the perpetrators to be Hakkas. It is not far-fetched to piece these circumstances together and arrive at the conclusion that the Colony can well do without a large number of these folk. This being accepted, it should not be hard to proceed with the work of elimination from the Colony of those discovered to have no visible means of subsistence.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A correspondent writes to a Home paper that a belief that fowls contain snakes and their eggs scorpions has lately sprung up in Baluchistan, coming almost simultaneously from both Afghanistan and the Panjab. Local colour has been given to the story by attributing the trouble to the Baghdadi pir (saint) of Kandahar, whose morning ablutions were disturbed by a cock, which crowed at him in what he felt to be an insolent and disrespectful way. Thereupon he cursed the whole fowl tribe, with the result that they are believed by the superstitious to breed scorpions. A considerable amount of fowl-killing ensued, and was stimulated by the allegation that the Government had passed an order providing that anyone who did not kill his fowls should be imprisoned for seven years. As there is very little interference with private affairs in Baluchistan, this last rumour was difficult to swallow and the scare was easing off when the correspondent wrote. But in some parts of the country all the fowls had been killed before the superstition was scotched.

"The thin red line" what was the origin of the phrase? It is generally credited to William Howard Russell in his account of Balacava in the *Times* in 1854; but Mr. J. B. Atkins has been pointing out that this impression is not quite correct. When I wrote the Life of Sir William Russell (he writes) I was interested to find that there had been a good deal of discussion about this phrase "thin red line" in *Notes and Queries* and elsewhere. The facts are these. Russell in describing the charge of the Russian cavalry against the 93rd Highlanders in his letter dated October 23, 1854, wrote:—The ground lies beneath their horses feet; gathering speed at every stride, they dash on towards that thin red streak tipped with a line of steel." In the *Times* "tipped" was printed "topped." Russell revised his Crimean letters several times for various editions. In one of these revisions the original phrase became "thin red line tipped with steel." So I find it in the edition of 1877. In that edition the words are printed in italics—a fact which surprised Russell when it was pointed out to him. Perhaps the printer, recognizing that some trouble had been spent on the phrase, thought that Russell would like the emphasis Russell was not a careful proof-reader.

It is now practically settled that the New Zealand Rugby Football Union will send a galaxy of the best talent available down. Twenty-nine players are to go, so that there will be ample reserves against the wear-and-tear of a campaign consisting of thirty matches. It is hoped to arrange for a week's rest before each "Test"

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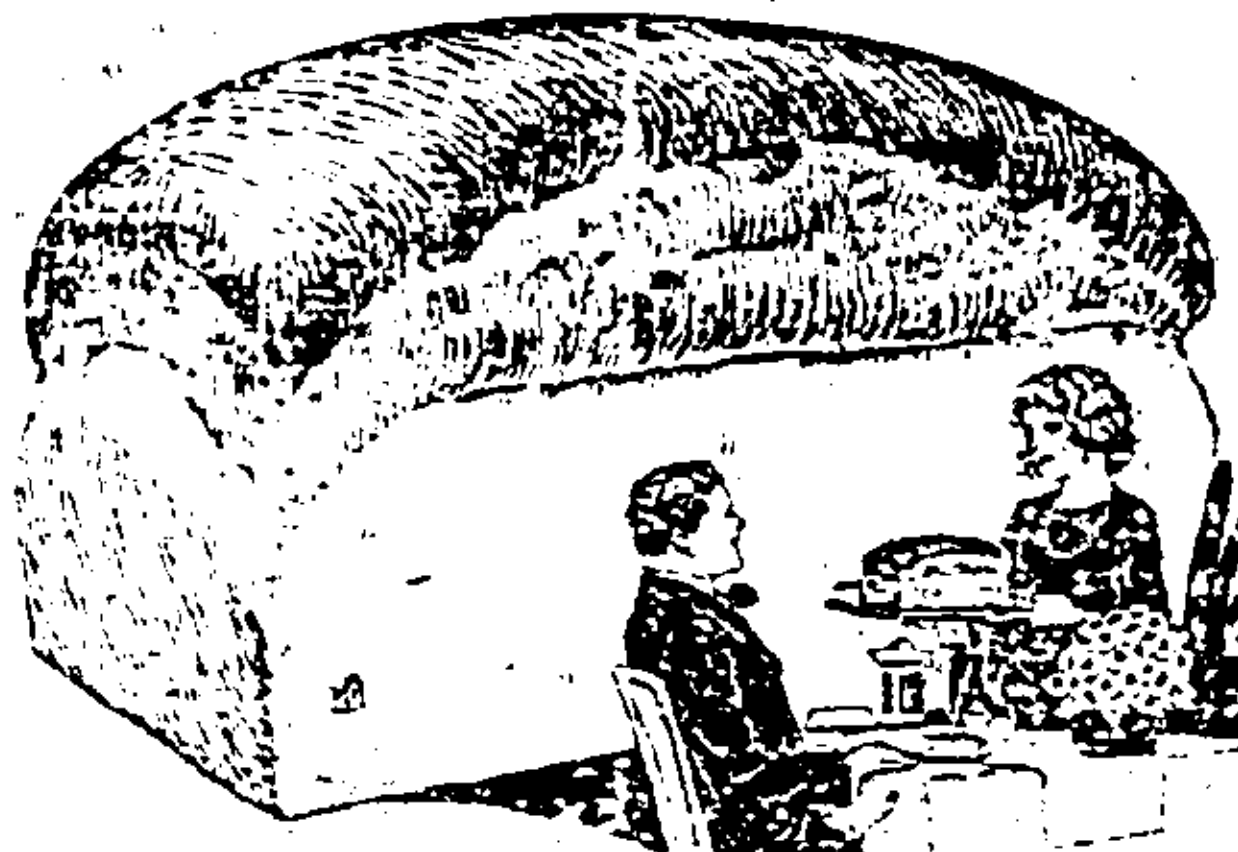
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game—a wise precaution when one remembers that half the men were crooked who lost to Wales by a try to nothing in the last tour of the "All Blacks" eighteen years ago. The new wearers of black jerseys decked with silver fern will not find that lack of training and all-round slackness among the Mother Country players of which they took such ruthless advantage under David Gallaher's leadership.

SOMETHING LIKE ENTHUSIASM.

A Jump From Balcony to Stall.

Russian dancers and players have become very popular in Vienna, and at the Apollo music-hall the "Russian Romantic Theatre" performs successfully. Despite their romanticism they are quite modern in colour, sound, and scenery. They dance and act with beautiful abandonment, especially the women. Of the men, the first dancer and stage-manager, Boris Romanov, and Obouchov are most characteristic, while among the ladies much praise is due to Claudya Pavlova, Elsa Kruger, and especially Elena Smirnova.

The other day, when the second ballet was being performed, in which Mme. Smirnova dances a fine solo, a strange incident occurred. A noise was heard from one of the balcony boxes. Suddenly a young man became visible, swinging himself up to the parapet of the box, and before anybody could hold him back he jumped down into the stalls. There were loud screams among the audience, the performance had to be interrupted for a short while, and the people ran to the spot where the mad-cap was lying. He turned out to be a Russian student, and himself a dancer. He had jumped so cleverly that he hurt neither himself nor anybody in the stalls.

When several persons inquired after the motive of his behaviour, he could not give a proper reply, but from his answer it was understood that he was seized with such delight at Mme. Smirnova's dancing that he found no other way of expressing his feelings. The enthusiast had to state his name and address, and was taken home.

HOW SWEDEN STOPPED V. D.

The writer of an article in the *National Review* says the methods Sweden has adopted to eradicate V. D. are registration and strict medical examination. Have these been a success in Sweden? The writer says that five years ago V. D. was as rife in Sweden as in any other country in the world but, as a result of the methods adopted by the Swedish Government to-day cases are few and far between.



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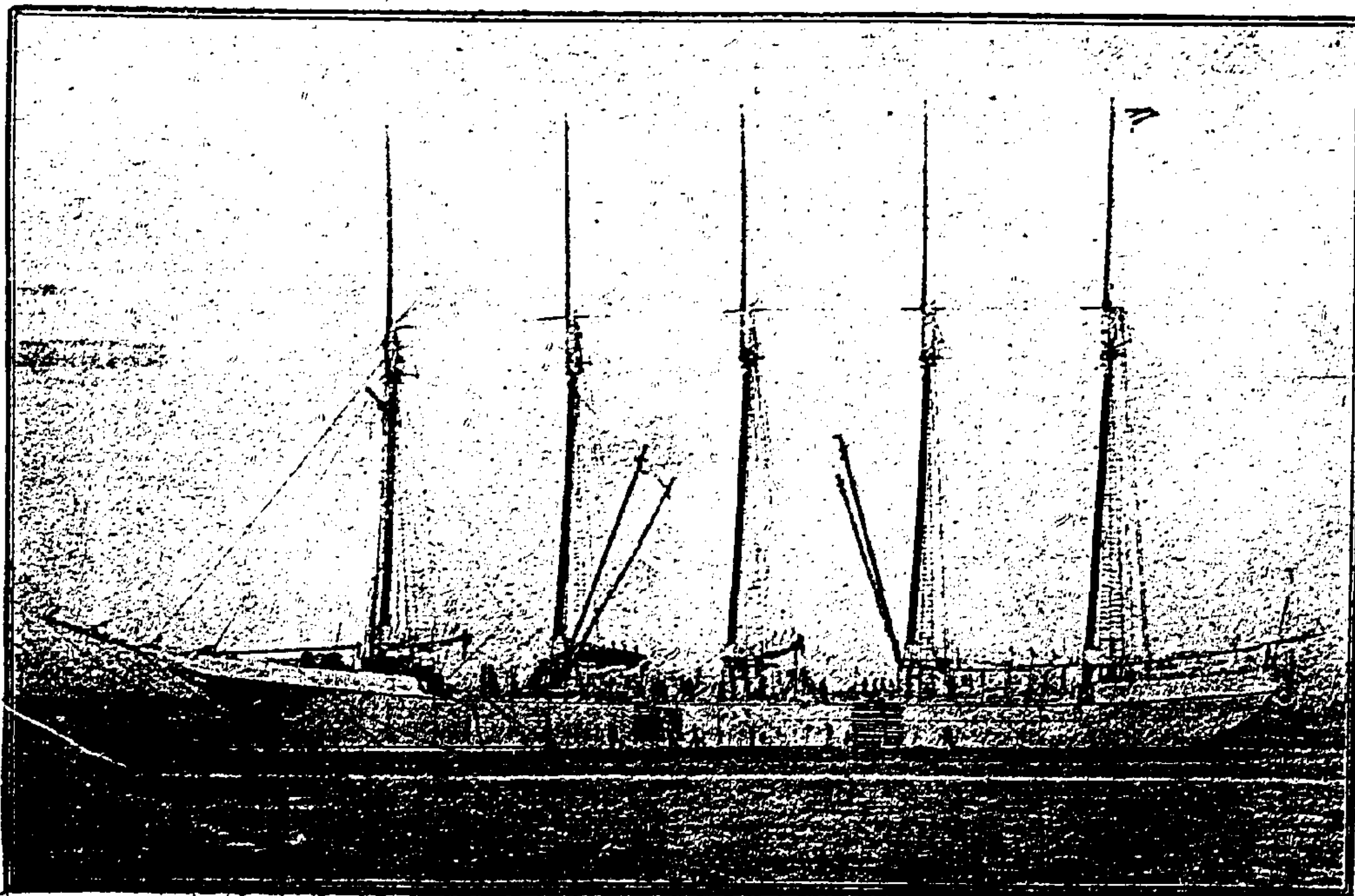
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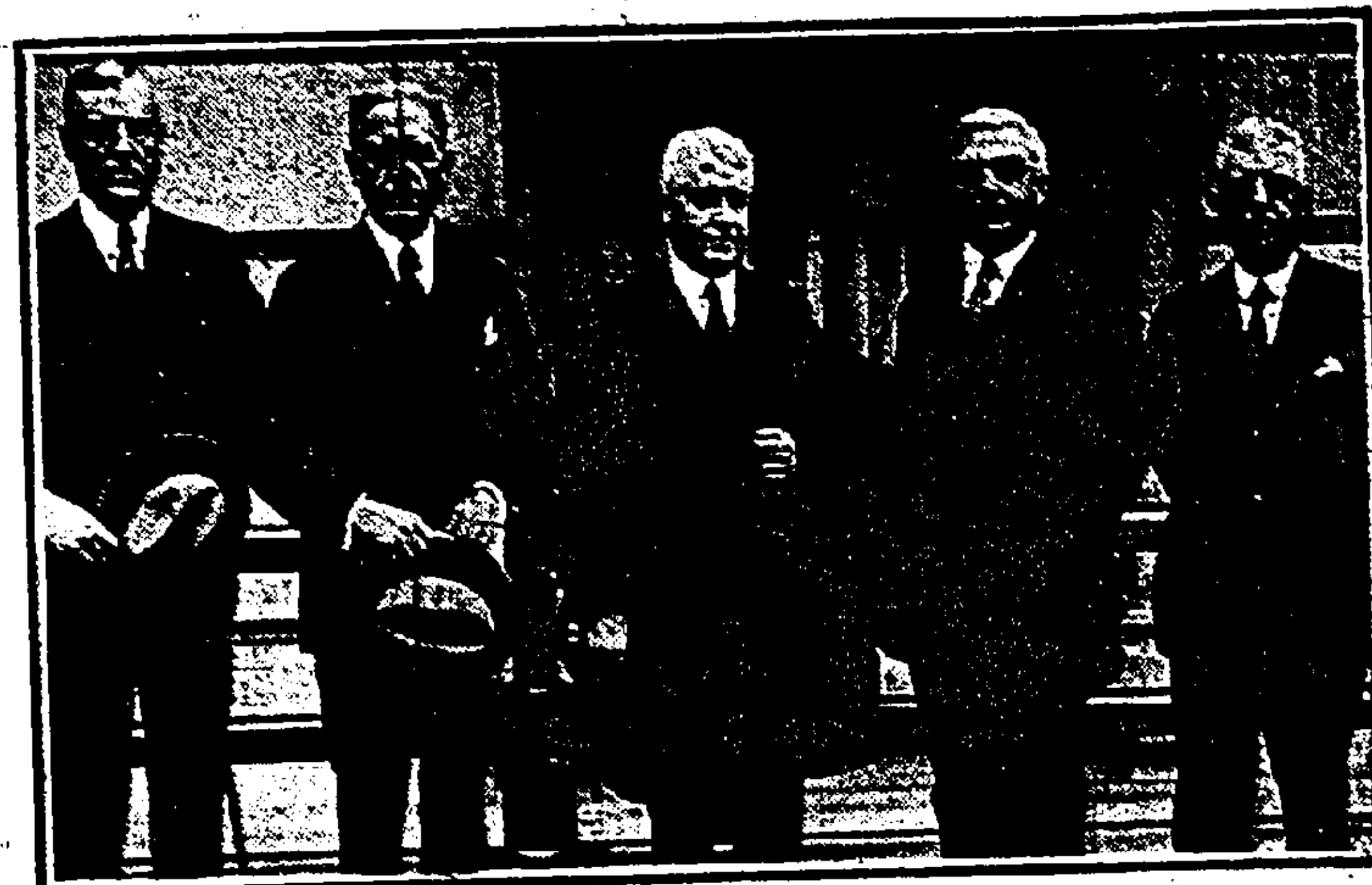
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YEE SANG FAT CO.**CAMERA NEWS.**

Zev beat In-Memoriam in the match race at Churchill Downs—according to the judges. Many spectators at the track, however, were firm in the opinion the race ended in a dead heat, some even thinking In-Memoriam was the winner. This photo of the finish—Zev has the white hood on his head.



This is the compact little sub-committee of the Republican National Committee, which met in Washington recently to discuss and make recommendations as to where to hold the next convention.



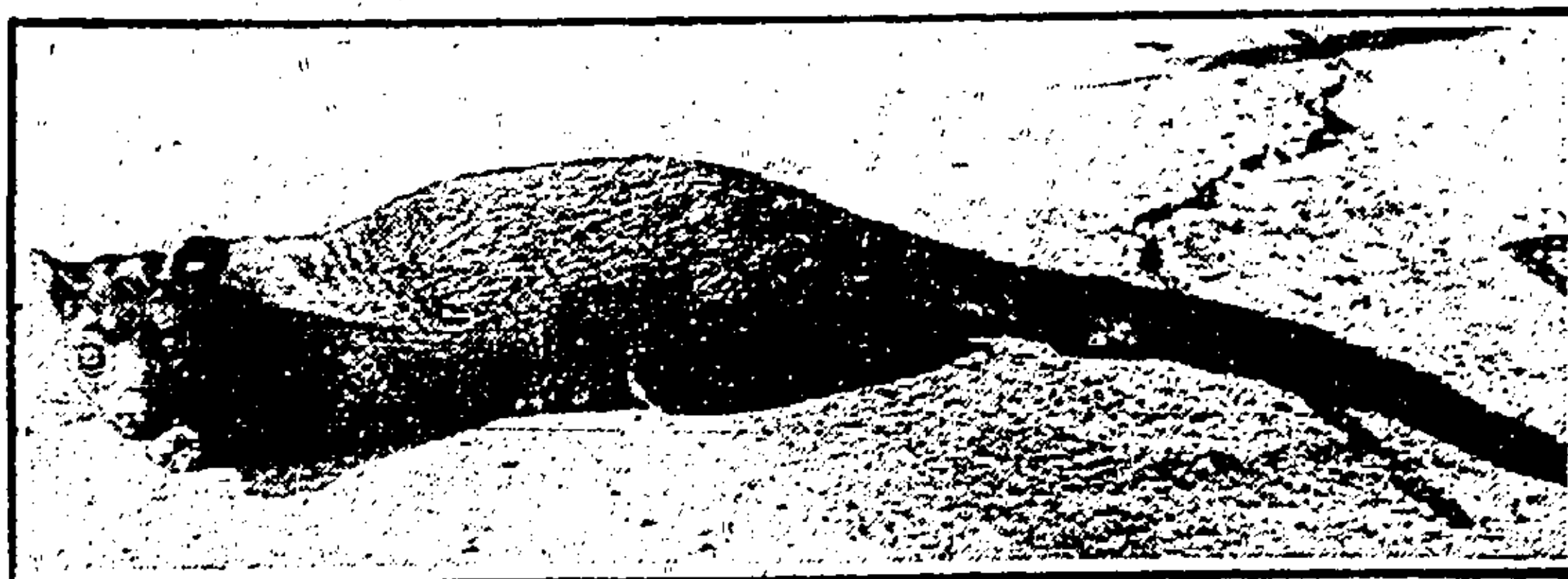
Detective Sergeant L. McDonough of Chicago discovered this dynamite "plant" in a building in the heart of the Loop. Police blame labour troubles for it.



City of Camden has bought and dedicated the modest house at 330 Mickle-st to the "Good Gray Poet"—Walt Whitman. Here the poet lived during the last few years of his life. Photo shows the dedication.



A veritable trough for fountain pens is the latest aid to higher education at the University of California. More than 1000 students a day fill their pens at it, consuming more than a quart of ink every five hours.



Introducing the Fessa from Madagascar. It was presented to the London Zoo, and was caught only after a search lasting two years for one of the species.



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Yokohama	Jan. 25	Manila	Feb. 8
Manila	Jan. 29	London	Feb. 15
London	Feb. 1		

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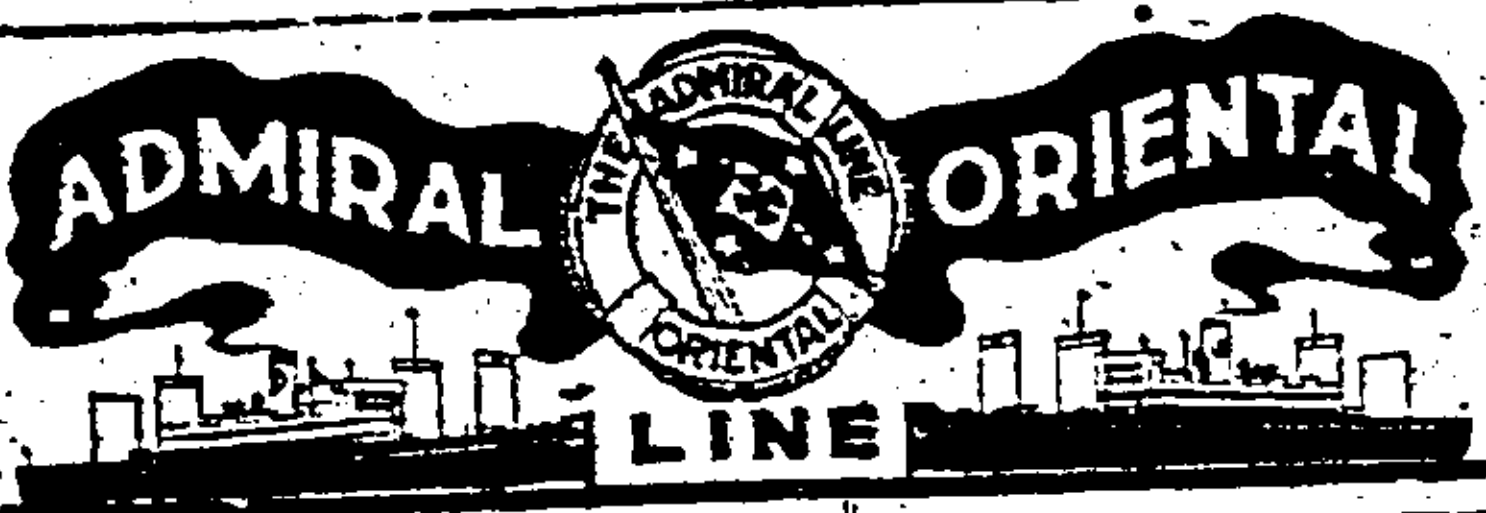
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Commencing with the arrival of the Empress of Russia, 25th March, the Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia will make the round trip to Manila from Hongkong, leaving Hongkong on Wednesday after arrival, arriving Manila Friday Morning, leaving Manila Saturday Evening and arriving Hongkong Monday Morning, 7 a.m.

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"PRESIDENT ADAMS"	Mar. 1st
"PRESIDENT GARFIELD"	Mar. 15th

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"LYCAON"	29th Jan. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

"DIOMED"	10th Jan. M'les. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"TITAN"	20th Jan. Genoa, M'les. Liverpool & Glasgow
"CYCLOPS"	3rd Feb. M'les. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

PACIFIC SERVICE

"TYNDAROS"	28th Jan. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver
"PROTESILAUS"	16th Feb. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver

NEW YORK SERVICE

"PELEUS"	15th Jan. via Suez & Boston
"MYSON"	5th Feb. via Suez & Boston

PASSENGER SERVICE

"MENTOR"	7th Jan. for Shanghai
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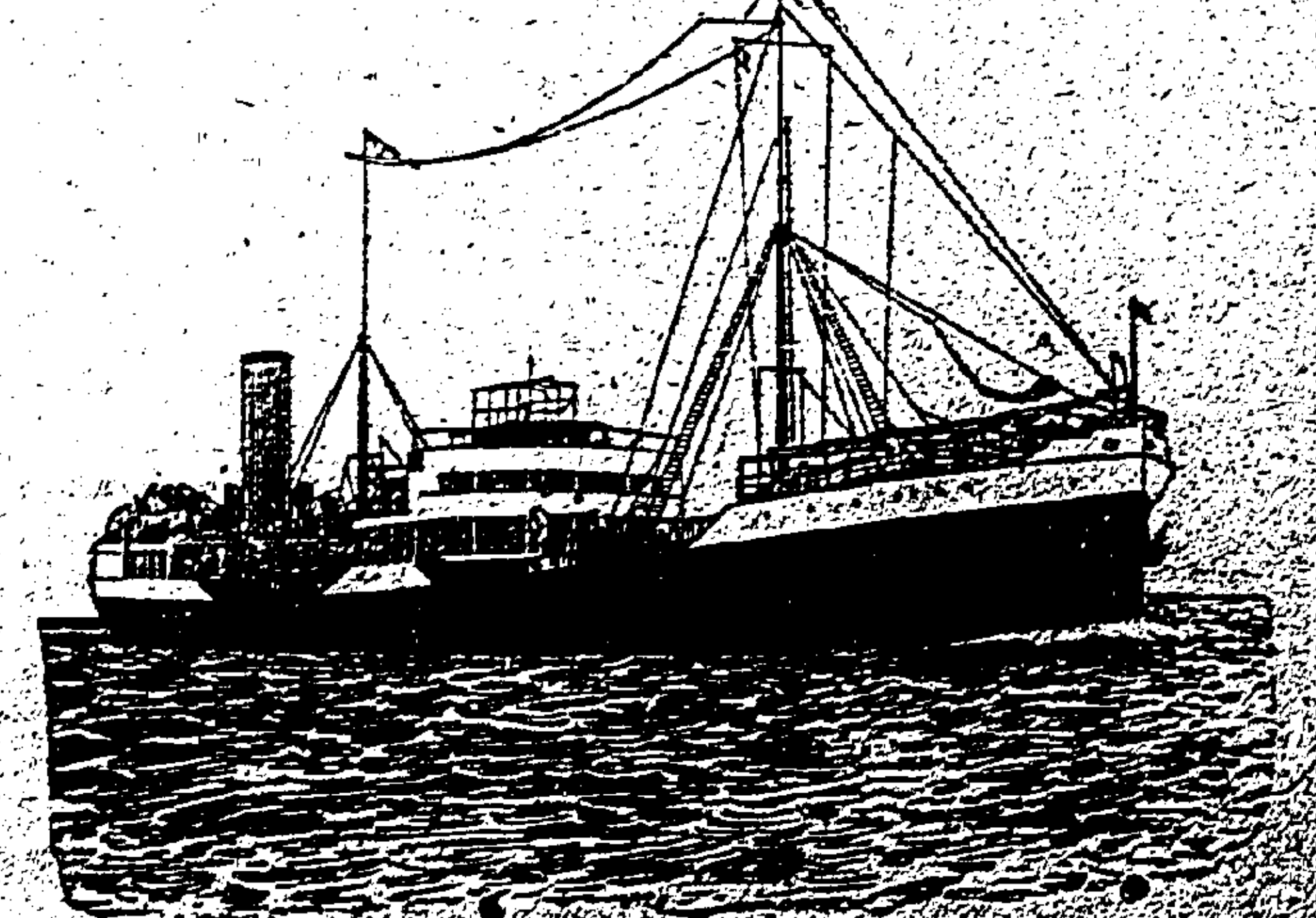
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KHIVA	9,097	12 Jan. noon	Miles, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,813	19th Jan.	Spain, France, C'ho & Bay
MACEDONIA	11,089	26th Jan.	R'way, Miles, London, Antwerp
KASHGAR	8,840	9th Feb.	Miles, London & Antwerp
SOLDAN	6,096	13th Feb.	Spain, France, C'ho & Bay
MOREA	10,911	20th Feb.	R'way, Miles, London, Antwerp

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TORILLA	5,205	22nd Jan.	Spain, Penang & Calcutta
JAPAN	6,052	2nd Feb.	Spain, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFUZA	6,000	5 Jan. 4 p.m.	Manila, S'kan, Thurs. Is.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	2nd Feb.	Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane
EASTERN	4,000	27th Feb.	Sydney & Melbourne

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

SICILIA	6,813	6 Jan. 6 a.m.	Shanghai
JAPAN	6,052	8th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th Jan.	Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TALMA	8,000	16th Jan.	Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,098	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SOLDAN	6,096	1st Feb.	Shanghai
EASTERN	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe

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GLENANDA	28th Jan.	GLENTARA	16th Jan.
GLENBROOKSHIRE	11th Feb.	GLENBEG	1st Mar.
GLENBROOKSHIRE	25th Feb.	GLENBEG	15th Mar.
GLENLUCIE	10th Mar.	GLENBEG	29th Mar.

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PAUL LECAT	14th Jan.	14th Jan.	14th Jan.
ANDRE LEBON	28th Jan.	28th Jan.	28th Jan.
AMBOISE	11th Feb.	11th Feb.	11th Feb.
CORDILLERE	25th Feb.	25th Feb.	25th Feb.
ANGERS	10th Mar.	10th Mar.	10th Mar.

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SUWA MARU Wednesday, 30th Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

SIDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, etc.

YOSHINO MARU Wednesday, 16th Jan. at 11 a.m.

YAMAGUCHI MARU Wednesday, 16th Jan.

NEW YORK and BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUO MARU Friday, 11th Jan.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Duffin & Cape Town.

KAWAKURA MARU End of Jan.

ROMBA via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SADO MARU Wednesday, 9th Jan.

MOI MARU Monday, 28th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

AWA MARU Saturday, 30th Jan.

MALAYA MARU Sunday, 27th Jan.

YAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Sunday, 16th Jan.

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STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Fri. 4th Jan. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Cheongshing Sun		6th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Sat. 5th Jan. at 1 p.m.
MANILA	Mausang	Sat. 5th Jan. at 11 a.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow Hopsang		Tues. 8th Jan. at 8 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Mosang	Tues. 8th Jan. at 3 p.m.
TAO via Stow & Shai Yatsing		Wed. 9th Jan. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Kwongshing Fri.		11th Jan. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Fooshing	Sat. 12th Jan. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Taksang		Sun. 13th Jan. at 7 a.m.
TAO via Stow & Shai Wingsang		Wed. 16th Jan. at 7 a.m.
KOBE via Dalay Y'hama Kutsang		Thurs. 17th Jan. at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via Hoihow Chunsang		Wed. 20th Jan. at noon.

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DANGERS OF TAINTED FOOD.

1. Doctor Wants to Ban Street Trading.

A plan to prevent food poisoning, including the possible prohibition of street trading in food, was outlined briefly by Dr. A. Middleton Hewat in a lecture at the Institute of Hygiene recently.

He suggested the following:—

1.—Detailed and careful investigation of all outbreaks of food poisoning, however small in extent.

2.—Adequate meat inspection at time of slaughter.

3.—Thorough supervision of all food preparing places.

4.—More thorough training of medical men and sanitary inspectors in the essential points of unit and unwholesome foodstuffs and of food poisoning outbreaks.

5.—Further supervision and possibly prohibition of street trading in foodstuffs.

"I have frequently seen hand cans of milk hanging to the handle of a milk perambulator and with the lids wide open on a dusty and windy day," he said.

"Most food poisoning outbreaks are due to flesh foods, and this is a strong argument for more intensive inspection of meat foods, as well as the eating-houses and cookshops where meat foods are prepared for sale and cooked."

"The street trader with barrow or stall is often a source of danger. Not only does he often purchase goods which are on the verge of going bad, and are therefore cheap, but he often keeps them overnight in the most unsuitable and dirty places, and finally exposes them for sale in the open street."

"Such foods have been found on the floors of slum houses, and even stored on stable floors." In the East, including Hongkong, this source of infection of foodstuffs is painfully obvious.

IDLE SHIPS.

755,000 Tons Laid Up In British Ports.

It is an unfortunate fact that the promise of better trade which was indicated at the commencement of the year has not materialized. The shipping industry is feeling the adverse conditions very severely indeed, and shipowners, it should be borne in mind, furnishes a fairly accurate barometric reading of the trade and commerce not only of this country, but also of the world. There is, of course, here and there a little relief to the general gloom, as witness the fact that the Clan Line of steamers have paid an interim dividend this year, whereas for the corresponding period of last year there was no distribution.

Most shipowners, however, do not see any immediate prospect of betterment, and in support of their attitude they point to the fact that at the present time there is over three-quarters of a million net tons of shipping lying idle in United Kingdom ports through lack of remunerative employment. Twelve months ago the total tonnage of laid-up vessels was 825,000 tons. This decreased by January 1 of this year to 732,000 tons, and on April 1 of the current year it was 546,000 tons, since when, it will be noted, it has undergone a considerable increase.

ECONOMICAL SHIPS.

In all probability a substantial amount of this tonnage will never again be engaged in active work, for much of it consists of ships which are uneconomical when compared with the most modern products of our shipbuilding yards. Many of them would, before this, have been broken up had such an operation been profitable. On many of the vessels lying up repairs are long overdue, and shipowners are in a quandary as to whether their ships should be sent to the shipbreakers or be retained in case freights should recover.

There is another factor in this connection. In the case of the liner companies, owners realise that they must carry out their obligations, even to the extent of maintaining scheduled sailings, when the volume of cargo offering and the rates obtainable for it do not economically justify them in doing so. Were it not for the loyalty of shipowners to honour their commitments, which they often made a long time in advance, there would certainly be much more tonnage laid up at present than is the case. With regard to the big passenger liner companies, they have been for years past assiduously cultivating a winter tourist traffic. In this they have succeeded, and the result is that ships for which there was no remunerative employment during the winter season would otherwise have been included in the ranks of unemployed shipping.

POSITION OF OTHER NATIONS.

There is only one gratifying feature of the situation. The British tonnage lying up in United Kingdom ports forms a considerably less percentage of the total owned under the Red Ensign than does the idle tonnage of other nations. While we have about 5 per cent. of our shipping idle, France has about 35 per cent. unemployed, and in the case of the United States no less than 60 per cent. of Shipping Board tonnage alone is lying away in enforced idleness.

